

Weekly Status & Information Report: June 6 - 10, 2011

1. **Invasives Plant Removal:** The City has scheduled limited herbicide application by contract on Monday. They will be using a back pack sprayer to target specific plants of invasive plant species in Sligo Mill Woods and along Poplar Avenue and in Circle Woods. This type of targeted spraying will be a regular activity in these locations this summer. *(Public Works)*

2. **Trash and Recycling Collection Reminder:** During the hot weather, the collection staff start their day a little earlier than during the rest of the year. Please set out your trash cans and recycling containers the night before your collection. If you set them out the morning of collection, the crews may have already come through your street. The staff appreciate your cooperation by helping them get their job done in the slightly cooler part of the day. *(Public Works)*

3. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of June 6, 2011:

- City Council meeting, Monday, June 13, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Recreation Committee meeting, Monday, June 13, 7 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Tree Commission meeting, Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room
- Takoma Park Board of Elections meeting, Wednesday, June 15, 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact jessiec@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

4. **THIS SATURDAY - "We the People: The Lives, Art, and Cultures of Muslim and Arab Women:"** We are Takoma and Empowered Women International (EWI) present a one-day arts and cultural event this Saturday, June 11. The event includes a juried mixed-media exhibition by eight Muslim and Arab women, films presented by 20,000 Dialogues, book presentations and panel discussions with activist Muslim women, artists demonstrations on Islamic Ornamentation, Arabic Calligraphy, textile art decoration, bookmaking and painting, and at 6:00 p.m., a one-woman show performance "Unveiled" by Pakistani-born artist, Rohina Malik. Saturday, June 11 - 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park. <http://ewintwethepeople.wordpress.com>. *(Housing and Community Development)*

5. **"Art and Activism":** Concert on Sunday - What role does music, and art, play in public dialogue? Can music save the world? Joe Uehlein & The U-Liners will explore this question in both a historical and contemporary context in a special concert as a fundraiser for Voices for a Sustainable Future, a Takoma Park based non-profit with special guest, John Kadlecik. Sunday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue. Admission fee is \$10. *(Housing and Community Development)*

6. **City's Main Street Facade Grant (Ward 1):** The first Facade Improvement Grant project has been completed! The grant funded two signs for Takoma Bicycle, which greatly helped advertise and brand the business and allowed the owner to remove the temporary banners. The project may be viewed at 7030 Carroll Avenue. *(Housing and Community Development)*

7. Home Owners and Renters Tax Credit Applications Due by September 1, 2011: Don't miss the September 1, 2011 deadline for submitting your applications for the Maryland Tax Credit Programs. They are designed to help low income home owners and renters by limiting the amount that they must pay in property taxes. To receive the tax credit, an application and all supporting documentation must be sent to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation no later than September 1 of each year. To obtain an application for either tax credit program, you can call the State of Maryland at 1-800-944-7403, access it on their website, www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/sdatforms.html and scroll to the bottom of the page, or call Linda Walker at 301- 891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

8. Tenant Rights Class - June 15, 7pm-8:30pm at TP Community Center: Are you experiencing problems in your rental unit? Are you concerned about getting your security deposit back at the end of your tenancy or is your landlord entering your apartment without proper notice? This class, which is conducted by the staff of the Landlord-Tenant Division, will help you understand your rights and responsibilities under the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Law. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is recommended by calling 301-891-7215. *(Housing and Community Development)*

9. Deadline Extended - Exhibitions Coordinator: The Arts and Humanities Commission has extended the deadline for the 2011-2012 Exhibits Coordinator. Applications are available online at www.takomagov.org and will be accepted until July 1, 2011. For more information, please contact Sara Daines at 301-891-7224 or SaraD@takomagov.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

10. Poets! Call for Submissions: The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission's popular "Third Thursday" poetry series begins its sixth season this fall. As in the past, the series will feature some of the finest poets in Takoma Park and in the region. To be considered as a featured poet in the 2011-2012 series, please submit 3 to 5 of your poems to the Commission at SaraD@takomagov.org The deadline for submissions is Monday, August 15, 2011. *(Housing and Community Development)*

11. T-Ball League – Kickoff Event: The T-Ball season gets underway this Saturday, June 11, with its annual kickoff event for all participants in the program. With the help of recreation staff, volunteer coaches and parents, all 120 registered girls and boys will be introduced to the game of T-Ball. Event will cover some of the basic techniques such as catching, batting and fielding. Parents are encouraged to participate. Event will take place at Lee Jordan Field (behind Takoma Park Middle) from 9:00 – 11:00 am. If you need any additional information, please contact Lew McAllister 301.891.7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

12. Y.E.S. League-Summer Hoops: Are you looking for somewhere to showcase your A+ talent? Are your summer nights free? Do you love great competition? Well, if you answered "yes" to all three questions look no further, the Takoma Park Recreation Department has just the league for you. With nearly 60 youth already signed up to play in our middle and high school divisions, this summer will be one to remember. Don't miss out on the chance to play ball, meet new friends and most of all have FUN!! League begins Monday, June 20, 2011. All games will

be played at Piney Branch Gym (7510 Maple Avenue) from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For additional information or to sign up, please contact Lew McAllister at (301) 891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

13. New Air Hockey Table in the Game Room: The new Air Hockey Table has proven to be a big hit with the Game Room participants! Rules have been developed to allow for maximum participant opportunities. The table is located in the Game Room at 7500 Maple Avenue, and is available during game room hours. For more information on how to get a yearly pass (\$5), please contact (301) 891-7290 or visit us online www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation. *(Recreation)*

14. June 2011 Silver Foxes Senior Newsletter: The June 2011 edition of the Silver Foxes Newsletter is on the Recreation Department website ready to view and/or download. Go to <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/seniors.html>. *(Recreation)*

15. Seniors on Cable TV: “We Are Takoma—Silver Foxes,” filmed at the Takoma Park Community Center, is airing this month on Takoma Park cable television on June 10 at 8:00 p.m., June 13 at 10:05 a.m., and June 23 at 8 p.m. Takoma Park seniors Susan Leitch, Melvenia Carter, and Jennifer Tyndaal from Franklin Apartments, and Anne Ludlow and Colleen DiPaul from Victory Tower, discuss their favorite recreation program activities available for seniors at the TP Community Center. You can also view the program on the City of Takoma Park website. Go to the website www.takomaparkmd.gov, click on Cable TV, then click on View City TV online, then click on Special Local Events 2011, and then finally, click on: The We Are Takoma Show: Silver Foxes. *(Recreation)*

16. Seniors Visit Frederick, Maryland: Eighteen seniors who visited Frederick, Maryland on Wednesday, June 8, were joined by a step-on tour guide for a historic downtown riding tour on the Recreation Bus. The guided tour highlighted the history of Frederick County, Maryland, from the Colonial period, through the Civil War, to the present day, while viewing important historic buildings and sites. *(Recreation)*

17. Seniors Test Voting System: Seniors eagerly turned out on a hot Thursday, June 9, afternoon to test the voting system to be used in the November 2011 City election. Their participation will help identify strengths and weaknesses of the voter interface to make the system even better. Thank you, seniors! *(Recreation)*

18. End of School FUN: Afternoon Addition has been celebrating the end of the school year with field day activities and games. There are two teams - the blue and red - competing for the title of Afternoon Addition Champions. Participants get to sign up for what events they want to compete in; they include games like back seat driver, balloon head race, and soda-pop shove. This game was a hit! They enjoyed getting very messy from squishing and smashing food into a soda pop bottle. Musical hula hoops was another big hit. The fun doesn't stop there. Friday, the participants will be involved in a sponge race, 3-legged race, water balloon race, sack race, bucket brigade, and an orange eating contest. *(Recreation)*

19. Summer is Almost Here!: Have you started thinking about your summer plans? Camps

are filling quickly, so get registered before they are completely filled. Here is just some of the excitement headed your way this summer: Tremendous Trips to Bowling and Wheaton Regional Park, Clark Elloak Farm, B+O Railroad Museum, Volcano Island Water Park, Gaithersburg Water Park, and mini golf. Each trip is \$40 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. Trips will run from June 20 - 24, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. *(Recreation)*

20. **Fore!:** Get ready to hit the greens for this exciting one week Golf Camp. The camp's main focus is on Golf: skills, fundamentals, strategy, techniques and course etiquette/management. Instruction will take place at Paint Branch and University of Maryland Golf courses with instruction provided by PGA certified professionals. When they are not learning about golf, their day will be filled with games, outdoor play, and game room. A swimming trip, special guest and trip, round out this camp. We hope to see you on the links this summer! Session 1 starts June 27, session 2 starts July 11, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Each session is \$160 for residents and \$190 for non-residents. *(Recreation)*

21. **Summer Quest begins Monday, June 13!:** Join us at the Library at 7:00 p.m. for the kick-off of this year's interactive reading adventure entitled "Summer Quest Goes Down the Drain," with Karen MacPherson and Dave Burbank. No pre-registration necessary. Funded by the Friends of the Library. *(Library)*

22. **Traffic Enforcement:** Details and calls for service for this week will be added to next week's Status and Information Report. *(Police)*

23. **Officers in Meetings:**

- On June 6, Chief Ricucci attended a 4th of July committee meeting.
- On June 8, Chief Ricucci attended the Maryland National Capital Park Police Awards in Silver Spring, Maryland.
- On June 10, Chief Ricucci met with Alphonse Attey, owner of Come to Africa, with regards to the restaurant's petition regarding its alcoholic beverage license. *(Police)*

24. **Officers in Training:**

- On June 6 to 10, Pfc. Magnaye attended training entitled "Commercial Crime Prevention Training" in Westminster, Maryland.
- On June 6 to 10, Sgt. John attended a five day Instructor Program in Sykesville, Maryland. *(Police)*

25. **Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (June 6-9, 2011) may be viewed online at:
http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/06/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_09.html. *(Police)*

26. **Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes) Week 6/3/11 – 6/9/11:**

Hours worked: 47.5

Calls for service: 11

State Citations issued: 105

Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SEROs) issued: 2

Warnings: 4

City tickets: 8
Reports: 15
Warrant arrests: 2
(Police)